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More About the Knockers

The Knockers' association, led by ex-Senators Kearns and Cannon. Joseph Lippman and the Tribune continue their policy of misrepresenting and lying for the purpose of injuring this city and its business interests. It is the plan of the ex-senators to get revenge on the people because the people refused to re-elect them to office. They have already wrought incalculable injury to the business interest of this city and state and are gloating over the ruin they have wrought. It is more than time that the citizens show in no uncertain ways their disapproval of such methods, and they are going to do it. The unclean triumvirate has carried things to the limit. A halt must be called. The ex-senators, while the ringleaders in the villainous crusade, have an able and most useful alder and abettor in United States District Attorney Lippman. Mr. Lippman as schemer is not surpassed by any in this neck of the woods and he has few if any equals in his particular line. People have often wondered why Senator Kearns chose him for his political manager, but the fact is Kearns did not choose him at all. He chose Kearns for his victim and is making him pay dearly for his fun. Joe is cool and calculating, with no more feeling than a snake. The almighty dollar is his god and he gets the dollars and unlike Senator Cannon, he keeps them, not troubled by any conscientious scruples as to how he gets them, or from where they come. He it is who concocts the vile schemes for his employer. He cares nothing for Jew, Gentile or Mormon. He would fight the Jews or the Gentiles or the Mormons with equal savagery if paid for it, and doesn't care a continental how many innocent people he hurts or how many reputations he blasts in his relentless path.

He works in the dark, silently and unobtrusively, and appears to be the most innocent and harmless individual imaginable, but he's not. He is responsible to a large extent for the revengeful and knocking crusade of the Tribune, Herald and Telegram. Kearns, although he is vicious enough, hasn't the ability to concoct or execute such schemes and while Cannon is a master at firing explo-

sives, he can't manufacture them like Joe. Joe, in fact, was the broker through whom the sale of Cannon to Kearns was consummated.

Altogether this triumvirate is composed of the most wicked and despicable persons that could be found. Not one of them has the least idea of honesty, decency or right principle. Self interest, hatred, revenge, everything that is vile and the utter unconsciousness of the decencies of life are the ruling traits of this triumvirate which is scourging Utah. Truth will continue to combat them and expose them until they are utterly overthrown.

KEARNS A HIT BIRD.

The Tribune is denouncing Joseph F. Smith for stating to a correspondent of the Pittsburg Times, among other things, that "Mr. Kearns also pleaded with me to help him to be elected to succeed himself and that to both pleas I made the same answer, 'I am not in politics, and will not be led into politics.'" Everybody cognizant of the situation, whether friend or foe to Joseph F. Smith, believes he states the truth. That Kearns tried to get church influence is well known, and was common street talk at the time. He not only went personally and pleaded with the church leaders to help him be re-elected, but he induced leading men to go also, on the same errand. Truth would like the Tribune to answer the following questions on this subject:

Did not Mr. Kearns, in company with Senator Clark of Montana, leave the Alta club in a hack, drive around the block, stop, and enter the church offices?

Did not Kearns and Clark plead at that time with President Winder, a democrat, to use his influence in behalf of Kearns?

Did not Mr. Kearns plead with one of the National Republican leaders who was visiting in Salt Lake, to wait on Joseph F. Smith in his behalf?

Did not Mr. Kearns approach various United States senators, begging them to intercede with the church authorities for him?

Did not Mr. Kearns make the offer

to certain leading Mormons that if they would support him for the senate he would buy out Perry Heath's interest in the Tribune, make Joe Lippman manager, and allow a leading Mormon to be the censor of the paper?

Truth says that ex-Senator Kearns did all the above, and a great deal more, towards trying to get church influence. In fact he became so obnoxious and disgusting at church headquarters that it almost became necessary for the president of the Mormon church to kick him in the basement of his pantaloons to get rid of him.

It is highly amusing to hear his airling, Cannon, claim now that Mr. Kearns never asked Joseph F. Smith to help elect him.

What next?

FRANK CANNON GUSH.

The Ogden Standard a few days ago had the following which is worth reading:

"Some one has said that Frank J. Cannon is a hypocrite, and worse, that he would sell his soul in a pinch for money. Since his star engagement with the Kearns hippodrome much of his real character has been exposed to those who thereby have had an opportunity to see the two sides to his life—the one he presents to his intimates and the one he puts on when posing for public admiration.

"For the benefit of those who do not know the trickery in his nature as well as we do, this paper will from time to time disclose the double-dealing and unreliability of the man, as shown by his past life.

"Three years ago he was ambitious to return to the United States senate and in his efforts to gain favor and win preferment he fawned at the feet of Joseph F. Smith and bestowed on the new president of the Mormon church all the fulsome flattery of his empty soul. He was then in New York, working liquid air, over which a national scandal arose, and also proclaiming a newly discovered light in to which a Salt Laker was induced to put nearly his wealth, the loss of which led to a suicide's grave. The Millennial Star of Jan. 9, 1902, page 25, contains correspondence, the author of which was Frank J. Cannon. Read it, and in the light of recent events, tell us what you think of this fellow who is so free to call those

who do not bow to his purposes, liars. The letter is as follows:

'It Is God's Work.'

"We are in receipt of a letter from a friend in the Eastern states of America, which may be comforting and edifying to the readers of the Star. We quote in part, as follows:

"If only the dead and gone persecutors of the Prophet Joseph and his sainted brother Hyrum could be back upon earth now for a little time, how puny would seem all their purposes of hate and how utterly insufficient would seem all the murder in which they imbrued their hands or to which they gave their assent. Joseph Fielding Smith, nephew of Joseph and son of Hyrum, is president of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and Joseph Fielding Smith's son, Hyrum Mack Smith, is an apostle of the Lord. And the church over which the Prophet Joseph Fielding Smith now presides is established in such might of numbers, wealth and power, as to be an infinite mockery to the deeds the threats, the hopes of the assassins, who thought that, in the massacre of Joseph and Hyrum and the driving of the saints across the frozen Mississippi, they had destroyed the work and had annihilated the people. What would Lilburn W. Boggs, once governor of Missouri, say if he were back on earth in this hour and could know that Joseph Fielding Smith, son and nephew of the murdered prophets, would preside over a people so mighty as are the Latter Day Saints? What would Thomas Ford, once governor of Illinois say if he could be here to witness the ordination of a son and grandson of the martyred Hyrum to presidency and apostleship in the church, whose leaders Ford betrayed, to cruel death? What would the Laws and the Fosters, the Higbees and the other traitors of that awful time at Nauvoo say if they could, for one hour, visit the earth and see that the seed of the prophet is in the fruitage of a new and mightier power and that the church, grown to stupendous proportions, has encircled the world with its message of divine salvation, gathering up the best of all the earth in obedience to the call of righteousness? How little seem the deeds of men compared with the events which God ordains and which are strongly exemplified in the life of the prophet, seer and revelator, Joseph Fielding Smith! This appointed man was little more than a babe in arms when

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